

of arts from Central State College and then went on to earn a master's degree in social work from Fordham University and a doctoral degree in social welfare policy and planning from Columbia University.

Dr. Corbie joined The City University of New York in 1969 as a counselor in the Seek program at Lehman college and became director of the program that same year. The Seek program provides financial and academic assistance to students in need. Dr. Corbie has served as the vice chancellor for student affairs for the City University, from 1981 to 1991.

In June 1993, Dr. Corbie was named acting president of the Bronx Community College. He took over the college at a time of instability and uncertainty. Through his leadership and dedication, Dr. Corbie managed to continue the Bronx Community College tradition of excellence and educational opportunity for all who seek to improve themselves.

Today, Bronx Community College welcomes their new president, Dr. Carolyn Grubbs Williams. Dr. Williams has been president of Los Angeles Southwest College of the Los Angeles Community College district since 1992. In her first year, she eliminated a budget deficit of \$1.6 million and increased student enrollment by 9 percent. She was able to obtain funding and State approval for three major construction projects.

Dr. Williams earned her bachelor's degree in sociology, master's degree in urban planning/social planning and her doctoral degree in higher education from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Dr. Williams leadership has shaped Los Angeles Southwest Community College into an outstanding institution. Her outstanding record has earned her numerous accolades and has been elected to the board of directors of the American Association of Community Colleges and the AACC's National Council on Black American Affairs.

Bronx Community College has benefited from the expertise and outstanding record of Dr. Corbie, and will surely continue to prosper under President Williams. Mr. Speaker I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Leo Corbie and Dr. Carolyn Grubbs Williams for their commitment to the advancement of higher education.

#### PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 1996*

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I recently completed my latest series of town meetings across California's 25th Congressional District. These meetings not only provide my constituents the opportunity to discuss issues of national and local concern, but they give me the chance to meet and interact with the citizens I represent as well. Recently, I had the honor of meeting Mr. Howard F. Simmon of Lancaster, CA. Mr. Simon had never before been to a town hall meeting, yet managed to attend this latest round of discussions. His dedication to this Nation is embodied in a poem he presented me at this latest series of meetings. I would like to read that poem today.

Justly be proud of America,

"Tis all that it is, and more,  
The land of the free,  
And the home of the brave,  
As 'twas said in the olden lore;  
So justly be proud of America,  
And rest on it, it's true,  
Where the sky spans o'er,  
From shore to shore  
It's a beautiful land,  
A wonderful land,  
The land of the free, and more.

#### IN HONOR OF HENRY LEGRAND SMITH

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 1996*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, my wife Bonnie and I were blessed with a new grandson on July 20 at 12:29 a.m. His name is Henry LeGrand Smith. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. He is the fifth child of Bradley LeGrand Smith and Margaret Diane Smith. My namesake, Nick Smith is 9, Emily is 7 years old. Claire is 4 years old, and George is 2 years old.

Bonnie and I join Henry's other grandparents, Neville and Jennifer Monteith from Orillia, ON, in welcoming Henry to this world.

Like his brothers and sisters, Henry is going to have a tough time paying back all the money the Federal Government is borrowing. If we don't change our ways, Henry will have to pay \$187,000 in taxes over his lifetime just to cover his share of the interest on the national debt.

I would conclude by asking all the parents and grandparents now in Congress to work with me to minimize the debt which our children and grandchildren will have to pay back for our undisciplined deficit spending.

#### THANK YOU, CYNDY WILKINSON, FOR YOUR LOYAL SERVICE

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 1996*

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it was with mixed emotions that I announced last December 11 my decision to retire from the House at the conclusion of my current term. As I explained at the time, the decision to retire was made more difficult because of the loyalty and dedication of my staff, and because of the genuine friendship I feel for each of them. They have served the men and women of Texas' 8th Congressional District in an extraordinary way.

Today, I want to thank one member of my staff—Cyndy Wilkinson, a counsel with the House Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee, who formerly served as chief minority counsel on the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, on which I was the ranking minority member.

A native of Galveston, TX, Cyndy is a 1970 graduate of Lamar University. She graduated with honors from the Potomac School of Law, where she attended classes at night while working on Capitol Hill during the day.

Cyndy has a long and distinguished record of service on Capitol Hill, having served on the

staffs of U.S. Reps, Jack Brooks, D-TX, from 1970 to 1971, and Mario Biaggi D-NY, from 1971 to 1978 prior to joining the staff of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

On the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Cyndy's knowledge of, and advice on, maritime and environmental issues was widely respected by Democratic and Republican members of the committee. Indeed, she served as a member of the Democratic committee staff in a variety of capacities from 1978 to 1993. In 1993, she joined the Republican staff as minority chief counsel.

In her various capacities, she worked to pass the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, which greatly enhanced the Nation's ability to prevent and respond to oil spills and other threats to our maritime environment. She also worked to reform the Endangered Species Act, enhance private property rights related to Federal wetlands regulations, and promote cruise ship safety. Her breadth of knowledge of maritime and maritime-related issues, her keen political acumen, and her eagerness to achieve consensus on vital issues affecting the maritime industry won her many friends in the merchant marine industry, including management and labor, and among Coast Guard officials.

In the 104th Congress, when I assumed the chairmanship of the House Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee, I asked Cyndy to become a counsel on the House Commerce Committee. In that position she has worked on legislation to reform public broadcasting, and reduce its reliance on Federal funding. Due to Cyndy's hard work, public broadcasters reached an agreement for the first time ever on a legislative proposal to make their industry more financially self-reliant.

Cyndy is one of those hard-working men and women who make all of us in this institution look better than we deserve. I know she has done that for me, and I appreciate this opportunity to publicly thank her for the dedication, loyalty, and professionalism she has exhibited throughout the time I have worked with her.

Cyndy's future plans after I retire are as yet uncertain, but knowing her as well as I do, I am confident that the skills and professionalism she has demonstrated in the past will lead to continued success in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I know you join with me in saying thank you to Cyndy Wilkinson for her loyal service to me, to the men and women of Texas' 8th Congressional District, and to this great institution. And I know you join with me today in wishing Cyndy a very happy birthday.

#### TRIBUTE TO DONALD MATTEO

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 1996*

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to Mr. Donald Matteo, the executive director of the submarine directorate of the Naval Sea Systems Command. On the occasion of his retirement, I ask that you and the other Members of this distinguished body, join me to pay special tribute to his extraordinary achievements in the service of our great Nation.

Don Matteo manages our Nation's most critical strategic, tactical, and special purpose